

## BRIDGE ACROSS NEWARK BAY, N. J.

DECEMBER 29, 1920.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. COADY, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4515.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4515), having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War Department, as will appear by the letter attached and which is made a part of this report.

[Second indorsement.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
December 16, 1920.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

The accompanying bill, S. 4515, current session, proposes to revive the authority granted by act of Congress approved August 8, 1919, for the construction of a bridge across Newark Bay between the cities of Elizabeth and Bayonne, N. J., by the Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey. This authority was granted subject to the terms of the general bridge law of March 23, 1906, section 6 of which limits the times for commencing construction to one year and for completion of the work to three years from the date of approval of the special act.

The plans of the bridge were approved by the War Department under date of April 27, 1920, and under the law construction should have been commenced before August 8, 1920, the date of expiration of the time limit.

Work has not yet been commenced, however, and the purpose of the bill is, in effect, to extend the times for commencing and completing construction two and five years, respectively, from the date of approval of the amendatory act. The extension of time proposed is unobjectionable, but it is suggested that the act be drafted in accordance with the form adopted by Congress in previous similar cases. I have amended the bill accordingly, and, as thus amended, I do not know of any objection to its favorable consideration by Congress so far as the interests committed to this department are concerned.

W. R. WILLIAMS,  
Assistant Secretary of War.